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SUBJECT: FNLA'S STRATEGY

1. DURING A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH A CONGEN OFFICER A WHITE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO IS A LEADING LIGHT IN FNLA'S SOMEWHAT UNSAVORY "WHITE MAFIA" MADE THE STANDARD PITCH FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE. AFTER DEFLECTING THE APPROACH, THE CONGEN OFFICER PRESSED FOR A DESCRIPTION OF FNLA'S CURRENT STRATEGIC THINKING. IT IS, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, TO:

A. MOVE ALL FNLA TROOPS AND MATERIAL INTO ANGOLA WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH.

B. RECRUIT DISAFFECTED WHITE PORTUGUESE OFFICERS TO ASSIST FNLA'S MILITARY.

C. WITH FOREIGN FINANCING BUY MANY ADDITIONAL HEAVY ARMS.

D. AT THE END OF JULY ATTACK AND ANNIMATE MPLA IN LUANDA. UNITA, HE CLAIMS, WILL GO ALONG, IF NOT INITIALLY, AS SOON AS THE FNLA ATTACK BEGINS TO SUCCEED.

2. COMMENT: THE MOVE INTO ANGOLA SEEMS CLEARLY TO BE UNDERWAY

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AND THERE ARE NUMEROUS REPORTS OF WHITE PORTUGUESE EX-ARMY

OFFICERS IN KINSHASA. ROBERTO HAS RECENTLY BEEN CANVASSING FOR
AID (LUANDA 0659). HOWEVER THE BIG QUESTION MARKS REMAIN:
FIRST, WILL FNLA MAKE ITS BIG PLAY (IT DIDN'T EARLIER WHEN IT
HELD THE WHIP HAND), AND SECOND, WILL SAVIMBI JOIN UP?
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